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THE EVER THINNING THIN GRAY LINES BIVOUACKS IN WILLIAMSBURG

FIFTEENTH VIRGINIA REGIMENT ASSOCIATION HOLDS REUNION WHERE MUSTERED IN

The famous Fifteenth Virginia Regiment, or rather the little remnant of that gallant band of fighting men, assembled in Williamsburg last Friday to hold their annual reunion. It has been fifteen years since the Fifteenth formed an organization known as the Fifteenth Virginia Regiment Association. It meets in different places, always on the scene of some of its activities in those days of blood and iron, communes for a time, elects officers and spends a few fleeting moments shoulder to shoulder. It meets in Williamsburg because it was here in this month, 1861, that the regiment was mustered into service being at Bethel.

During the great Civil war, it saw bloody service from beginning to end and fitly wears its name, the "Fighting Fifteenth."

About eighty came down from Richmond and other points last Friday to hold their reunion. Not all, perhaps not more than half, were veterans. With them were their wives, daughters and sons. Father Time is cutting them down one by one, and those of us who have seen the veterans assemble here from year to year for the past fifteen years can see the changes that time has wrought. A few years ago the occasions were hilariously happy, the step was vigorous, the eye bright, and the shoulders square. Now in most cases the bodies are bent with age, the hair is white and the weight of years bears heavily. A feeling of sadness prevails and younger men are touched with the pathos of it all. No one could have witnessed the proceedings here without being touched to the quick by more than one pathetic incident.

A meeting was held in the courthouse over which Col. Tiller, the president, presided, and Dr. Kazee acted as secretary, a position he had filled with credit for years. Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, of William and Mary, by invitation, delivered an enthusiastic address in which he recounted the valor of the men who wore the gray. His address was responded to by Lieut. Haw, one of three brothers present, and Col. Ben Farinholt, of West Point, both of whom spoke feelingly of the events of the past and present.

The following officers were unanimously elected: Charles Richardson, of Richmond, president; John H. Haw, of King William, vice-president; Arthur Lumsden, of Richmond, secretary. Dr. Kazee declining to be reelected, much to the sorrow of the veterans; Col. John Murphy, of Richmond, treasurer. The following executive committee was chosen: J. H. Haw, Co. I.; Col. John Murphy, Co. F.; B. M. Watkins, Co. H.; John E. Parish, Co. A.; H. J. Lumsden, Co. B.; Joe Thomas, Co. E.; Ed. Massey, Co. C.; J. F. Whitlock, Co. G.; George Hemensaw, Co. K.

A number of letters of regret were read by the aged secretary in some of which the writers said that they were detained at home by sickness. There were tender messages to the "boys," and the secretary's voice broke more than once in the reading, and more than one eye was tear-dimmed. Some one wrote the following sentiment in regard to the late Col. J. S. Moore and mailed it to the association with the request that it be adopted just as written by

the absent comrade. It was adopted by a rising vote and in silence. The sentiment was expressed in the following words:

"J. Staunton Moore, who in life ever helped to honestly and truly keep up the glorious memories of our thin gray line, so dear to us as the years go by."

Mr. Arthur Lumsden, who was acting as chairman, suggested that some member offer a resolution, thanking the people of Williamsburg generally and the chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy in particular for the kindnesses and hospitality shown the veterans on this occasion.

Mr. P. P. Winston, aged 85 years, the oldest living member of the regiment, arose and in a voice that faltered and failed paid a pretty tribute to the people of Williamsburg, whom he thanked in the name of the association. Later a resolution to that effect was adopted.

The visitors made their headquarters at the McGinnis during their stay here, but a rest-room prepared for them by the Daughters, was found a great comfort. Miss Lettie Warburton, Mrs. Tyler and others were present during the day to make the welcome more cordial.

Although wearied, the veterans seemed to enjoy their pilgrimage here, returning to their homes on the fast train Friday evening. Among those who came from a distance to attend were John Perry, Jr., of Baltimore, and J. W. Hughes, of Portsmouth, the latter being only a visitor.

An old veteran had expected to read the following touching poem, but the hour was late when business was completed, so we print it instead, it being particularly appropriate:

WHEN SHALL WE ALL MEET AGAIN

When shall we all meet again?

When shall we all meet again?

Of the flowers of spring shall bloom,

Of the skies of summer glow,

Of the stormy winters reign,

Ere we all shall meet again.

Of the stormy winters reign,

Ere we all shall meet again.

Youth's bright dream will pass away,

And our locks with age be gray,

For the living, for the dead,

Tears will flow and payers be said,

Hours of joy and hours of pain,

Ere we all shall meet again.

Hours of joy and hours of pain,

Ere we all shall meet again.

Though in different lands we roam,

Far from this our long loved home,

Though between us proudly rise

Mountains mingling with the skies;

Yet in memory's far domain

Of shall we all meet again,

Yet in memory's far domain

Of shall we all meet again.

When the welcome goal is won,

And life's wearying task is done;

When Oblivion's noiseless tide

O'er our parted graves shall glide,

There our loved and lost ones reign,

There may we all shall meet again,

There our loved and lost ones reign,

There may we all shall meet again.

The final sermon before the Y. M. C. A. of William and Mary College was preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday night by the pastor, Rev. John Hethorne. The sermon was an able one and was heard by a large congregation. The music was furnished by the college Glee club and Quartette.

MAN FOUND DEAD IN HIS HOME

John Hanson, about 50 to 55 years of age, was found dead in the kitchen of his home, which he occupied alone in James City county, Saturday afternoon by H. A. Bergh, rural mail carrier out of Norge. Mr. Bergh had noticed that Hansen had not taken his mail from his box since Tuesday and after making his route Saturday, went back to the Hanson home to investigate. The body of the man was found lying face downward near the kitchen stove. (The coroner was summoned and an inquest held. The body was in a bad state of decomposition and had turned very dark. There were no marks of foul play and the verdict was death from natural causes.

Hanson, who was a Norwegian and unmarried, came to this section ten or twelve years ago and was well-to-do, having a considerable money and owning a good farm and stock. His brother-in-law, Chris Olson, lives near the Hanson place and has been appointed curator of the estate.

The body of Hansen was interred at the Lutheran church, Norge, Sunday afternoon, the funeral being conducted by the Rev. Edward Brekhus.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

GOSSIP OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD BOILED DOWN

The deed for the sale of "Spratley's" farm in James City was recorded last week. The sale was made by T. N. Potts, special commissioner, and the purchasers were E. B. Adkins and Co., of Delaware. The price paid was \$30,000. "Spratley's" contains 1067 acres and is one of the fine large James river estates. It has a large quantity of valuable timber which will be marketed by the new owners.

Among the members of the Fifteenth Virginia Regiment who came here today from a distance to attend the reunion was John Perry, Jr., of Baltimore. Mr. Perry has attended every reunion of the organization.

John L. Trosvig, of Lightfoot, spent Friday here on business. Judge Sydney Smith, of Yorktown, was in Williamsburg on business Friday.

May day exercises on the campus of the Williamsburg Female Institute, in which the young ladies of the institute took part, were held Monday afternoon at four o'clock, with a large number of people in attendance.

Rev. P. H. Dalton, pastor of the Baptist church, preached the annual sermon to the pupils of the Williamsburg High School in the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Rev. E. Ruffin Jones, rector of Bruton Parish Church, will hereafter preach in the Yorktown Episcopal church on the fourth Sunday in the month, having been chosen by the vestry to succeed the Rev. W. B. Lee, the former rector who recently resigned. Mr. Jones preached his first sermon in the Yorktown church last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Ayler, of Newport News, has been the guest of Mrs. T. H. Geddy.

Miss Nannie Powell is the guest of Miss Virginia P. Wise.

Miss Margaret Jones, who has been visiting relatives in Newport News, has returned home.

Mrs. Mary King, who has been in Ohio for the past year, is visiting Mrs. Galba Valden.

CELEBRATE THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Simonson gave a beautifully appointed reception at their home on May 24. The happy occasion was the 20th anniversary of their wedding. The decorations consisted of spring flowers and were especially attractive; in the dining room a center piece on the table formed of marquerites with a wedding bell in the center completed an unusually pretty effect. Place cards with hand painted wedding bells were used and formed very pretty souvenirs of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Simonson received many handsome pieces of china. About sixty guests were present.

AMERICA, A FOREIGN MISSION FIELD

Under the above title a writer in the Nashville "Christian Advocate" brings together an astonishing number of facts to show that the Churches of America have a problem of evangelism at home among foreign people of amazing dimensions. This writer says: "In nineteen states of our Union a majority of the citizens are foreign-born or immediate descendants of foreign-born. Only five of the thirty-eight states of our country with populations of one hundred thousand and over have a majority of native white Americans. New York, Chicago and Milwaukee are practically foreign cities on American soil on only one-fifth of the inhabitants of New York City are native-born of native-born parents. There are sixty-six languages spoken in New York City. New York is the largest Irish city in the world. It is the largest Hebrew city, having fifteen times the Jewish population of Jerusalem, there being only two nations besides ours that have a Hebrew population equal to it. It has more Germans than any German city except Berlin, and more Italians than any city of Italy excepting Naples and Rome. There are thirty languages spoken in a single county of Colorado (Las Animas). Denver, Colo., has two more nationalities in her population than half the population than New York City. There are three-quarters of a million foreigners in Texas, and one-quarter of a million Creoles in Louisiana. More than half the population of Tampa, Florida, are Cubans and Italians. The Chinese and Japanese and Koreans are on our Pacific Coast in great numbers. There are large sections of many of our largest cities in which the English language is scarcely ever heard. Vast sections of Texas have passed into the hands of the Germans and Bohemians, and are as solidly foreign as the fatherlands. There are counties in Texas in which the records are kept in the foreign languages. We can no longer, very properly and accurately, call ourselves an Anglo-Saxon country or speak of ourselves as an English speaking people: 'The American citizen is a cosmopolitan character, representing every nationality that dwells on the face of the earth. Then we have the American Indians, three hundred-thousand of them, and ten million of the negro race in our midst.'"

The faculty of William and Mary College, upon learning of the critical illness of Dr. Thomas H. Barnes, member of the Board of Visitors, immediately passed a resolution instructing the secretary to write a letter to Dr. Barnes, expressing the sympathy of the faculty with Dr. Barnes in his illness.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF THE WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

ONE OF THE BEST EVER HELD HERE AND ARE LARGELY ATTENDED EACH NIGHT

The final exercises of the Williamsburg Graded and High School began here last Friday afternoon with a musical given by the primary grades at the Model School. The subsequent exercises proved most attractive and Cameron Hall was crowded to the limit on each occasion.

On Saturday night the annual celebration of the Ciceronian Literary Society, composed of boys, was held in the presence of a large audience, and each participant acquitted himself with distinction. The address of welcome was delivered by the president, George Lane. The declaimers and their subjects were as follows:

"Appeal to Arms," Mr. Callie Slater; "Regulus to the Carthaginians," Mr. George L. Ferguson.

The debaters were, affirmative, Messrs. Edward Spencer and Harry Phillips; negative, Messrs. Thorpe Purcell and Vernon Geddy.

The judges awarded the declaimer's medal to George L. Ferguson and the debater's to Vernon Geddy, the awards being made by Mr. B. D. Peachy and Mr. S. L. Graham, and the applause and approval of the audience.

Tuesday night witnessed the celebration of the Jackson Davis society, composed of girls. Miss Martha Spencer was president and opened with an appropriate address of welcome. The first debater on the affirmative, Miss Madeline Warburton, was introduced. She was followed by Miss Lucile Farsley for the negative, who in turn was followed by Miss Nollie Inman for the affirmative. Miss Charlotte Gilliam closing for the negative.

The recitations followed, Miss Fern Cooley reciting "The Confessional," and Miss Ina Thompson a humorous piece entitled "Mrs. McWilliams and the Lightning." Each speaker performed her part well, and especially is this true with the debaters, who showed a wide knowledge of their subject.

The judges awarded the debater's medal to Miss Inman and the medal for best reciter to Miss Cooley, the award being made by Mr. T. H. Geddy.

Despite the inclement weather, many people were at Cameron Hall Tuesday night to witness the closing exercises and to cheer the graduates with their presence. Dr. Whitely, pastor of the Methodist church, invoked the Divine blessing, after which the regular programme was carried out. Curtis Inman, president of the class, delivered the salutatory. Then followed class history by the Seniors; class prophecy by Miss Angie Inman; Last Will and Testament by Miss Mamie Powell, closing with the valedictory by Miss Madeline Warburton.

Dr. J. S. Wilson, of the William and Mary faculty, made a short address to the graduating class, after which Dr. H. E. Bennett, division superintendent of schools, awarded the certificates, diplomas and scholarships.

The graduating class was composed of Misses Madeline Warburton, Angie Inman, Mamie Powell, Mable Brooks, and Messrs. Curtis Inman, Leonard Maynard and Eric Wickre.

The William and Mary scholarship was awarded to Curtis Inman; the Williamsburg Female Institute scholarships to Misses Mamie Pow-

ell and Mable Brooks, from the city, and Misses Angie Inman and Madeline Warburton from the county. The scholarship medal was won by Miss Madeline Warburton for the third consecutive session, and was presented by H. M. Sweezy, chairman of the city school board.

The Senior Class chorus, "Auld Lang Syne," was then sung, after which Principal Young declared the session of 1912-13 at an end.

GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

JR. O. U. A. M. HOLD MEETING

The General Executive Board of the Jr. O. U. A. M. held its annual session in Brooklyn, N. Y., on May 14. Chairman Ivey presiding.

Pennsylvania was present for the first time, and the delegates were warmly greeted.

The state council treasurer of Virginia, Kinsey, was absent by reason of sickness.

The report of the secretary showed: 5 state councils, a gain of 1; 864 councils, a gain of 206; 124,427 members, a gain of 30,564; receipts of the year, \$1,659,235.55; paid out for sick benefits, \$360,997.07; total worth, \$2,498,116.01; a gain of \$961,446.45.

The election resulted: Chairman, R. R. Solly, Penn.; vice-chairman, E. H. Proctor, Va.; secretary, W. H. Miers, N. J.; treasurer, E. J. Balderson, D. of C.

ANOTHER PAPER GETS FUNNY

"Williamsburg, long the butt of jokes as to her slowness, now has time of her own and to spare. The old capital of Virginia really has a clock that goes. 'S a fact! Why, everybody in the town knows it by this time and the important news has come to Richmond to warn the people of this metropolis that all jokes are off.

No one had apparently suffered evil effect when the clock on the tower of old Bruton Parish church stopped some time ago. Time limitations had not bothered the good folk of Williamsburg; there were no street cars to run out of schedule; there were no saloons that had to close up on the stroke of midnight; there were no traffic officers to stand along Duke of Gloucester street to hold a stop-watch on automobiles. Therefore, even dollar watches were classed as luxuries instead of necessities, except by the William and Mary students who use them as pocket albums in which to carry kodak pictures of "the girls they left behind them."

But the revolutionary spirit has taken hold on the town and yesterday its citizens saw that someone had started the Bruton parish clock again. True, there were a few old survivors of the Founding of Jamestown, at least they were considerably beyond the Osler limit - who refused to see any good in the new signs of the time. They shook their heads as they toddled along the thorough-faces and they limped home to complain to their parents these hurly-burly times of the modern American would be the death of them yet.

Next thing, somebody's going to explode an alarm clock in Williamsburg - and then look out for fatalities from heart failure. - News Leader.